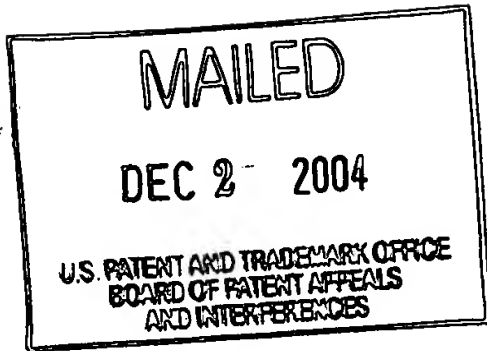


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte TAKASHI INBE

Application 09/960,356

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on November 1, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed March 25, 2004. It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted nor notified applicants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner for such consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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